



# **MINUTES**

## **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO**

### **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Regular Meetings: The First, Second,  
And Third Tuesday of each month

#### **REGULAR MEETING**

County Courthouse  
Bridgeport, California 93517

**January 3, 2007**

**9:00 a.m. CHRISTY ROBLES, ACTING CLERK OF THE BOARD, ACTING CHAIRMAN**  
Opens first meeting of the Calendar year.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Hunt**

**1) Acting-Chairman calls for nominations to elect the Chairman for 2007**

**M07-01** Nomination, received, to elect Supervisor Hap Hazard as Chairman of the Board for 2007.  
*(Farnetti/Reid 4-0; Abstain Hazard)*

**2) Nominations to elect the Vice-Chairman of the Board for 2007**

**M07-02** Nomination, received, to elect Supervisor Bauer as Vice-Chairman of the Board for 2007.  
*(Hunt/Reid 4-0; Abstain Bauer)*

**3) Presentation to Supervisor, Tom Farnetti**

Discussions among the Board and thanks to Tom Farnetti for doing a wonderful job as Chairman.

#### **OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

No one spoke.

#### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS/EMERGING ISSUES**

(PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO FIVE MINUTES EACH)

Rita Sherman addressed the Board. Last October we had an electrocution and he's doing very well. He's walking now and his shoulder may require another surgery. Cal-OSHA requires a report and investigation. Findings that we have no violations.

Supervisor Farnetti asked Dave Wilbrecht if we were affected by being closed yesterday. There were some offices that had staff present.

#### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

**Hunt-** Relaxed vacation period. Mono County Combined Mental Health Advisory Board with Ann Gimpel. The Mental Health Services Act Oversight and Accountability Commission may have up to \$200,000 for mental health services this year. They are going to use that money for staffing. We have these Wellness Centers that are very successful. There are plans to open new Centers in Chalfant and Benton. Davison Street house is active right now but understaffed.

**Farnetti-** We've been very busy at our reservation business. I did get a call from a constituent on Mono Street. He had his driveway filled with the Town snow-blower. I looked at his yard. His driveway was completely filled and couldn't get his car out. He just had back surgery. I contacted John Eastman who would contact Public Works.

**Reid-** We had a great holiday. Santa visited the grandkids, it was pretty moving. In Walker we had a couple problems at the Senior Center (volunteer cook threatened the regular cook). It's calming down. There are some ongoing problems. Hap- how to keep the seniors more active with less grouching. The County has some used computers and what I'd like to do is to survey the seniors who may be interested in using the computers (classes to learn to use them). We can establish some computer positions in the library and e-mail. It's hard to get things out of IMAAA. Keith Park did a hell of a job up there getting their one computer up and going. I fully recognize that these are probably IMAAA obligations. I don't want to get into the habit of taking over IMAAA but I'm also somebody who likes to get it done. Rudolph: Walker Senior Center- there's an MOU between the County and IMAAA that governs some of the obligations that has expired. We started some discussions to re-tool it as well. The time is right to revisit the whole MOU. Reid: Good, excellent. Heavy winds in Walker (the power went out). Some of the people thought that the new generator was going to power the paramedic trailer. This was only to power the Community Center for mass-casualties only. The paramedics were sitting there with no heat or lights. We need to take an inventory of which paramedic units have backup systems and which don't. If the power goes out, we should have some auxiliary power. It's something to think about. I'm also checking on the generator over here at the old hospital. I have no idea. People came in off the highway needing medical assistance and these guys couldn't run their machines. I'd like to see something done about that.

**Bauer-** I got a letter from Barbara Boxer. While in Fresno, I met her staff. It's really interesting how their staff is different. She thanked me for meeting her and assured us that she'll keep up on our county issues here. CAC meeting, last night, in June Lake. It appears that there is some serious avalanche money out there. It's always touchy but it always starts with maps. We want to emphasize mitigation. Interwest is moving forward now. #1 They bought the Steamboat Springs Ski Resort #2 They bailed out of another real-estate deal. Either way, I care about that the Mountain and the property should join together as one owner. June Mountain is not open. They need snow (another foot or so). The community came together to make an "O" card offering deep discounts for mid-week visitors. We are here for the long-run. We received donations and put more than \$60,000 into it.

This whole thing is just so sad. I hope we get snow now or soon. I feel confident that next year we're lined up for better things to happen. The wind took our snow out. Hunt/Bauer- discussion on hard years in the past. I have a news article about what's going on –on the other side. Hwy 120 and Hwy 140 into the valley, there is a 7 mile stretch of road (not repaired since the early 80's) because of the ongoing legal battles. I'm going to the Madera Board as far as Search and Rescue. I'd like to be well-versed on that issue, Dave. Hunt: Give Dan Paranick a call. Wilbrecht: We'll work on it. Bauer: Would it be appropriate to discuss the Reds Meadows Issues? Board: Yes. Hazard: Unidentified expense for our Search and Rescue Team. Reimbursements- actual and salary costs for our volunteers.

**Hazard-** I haven't had to sit in uniform during the holidays for two seasons now. 12/20 attended the DSA negotiations in Mammoth. Belated present from my tri-valley folks. How do we fund a program? I got a desire to possibly donate some land out there. That was really encouraging for a number of reasons. That meeting has not come about (on schedule for this month). 12/27 I came home to a phone message about donating property for the paramedic's station. I have a second piece of property out there too. We'll follow-up with those offers.

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

- 4) CAO Report and Tracking Report re Board Assignments (**David Wilbrecht**)  
**ACTION:** Receive brief oral report by County Administrative Officer (CAO) regarding his activities. Review and potentially revise Tracking Report of Board assignments.

David Wilbrecht addressed the Board.

- I worked with June Lake PUD and Interwest. It's working its way into a June Lake Development Project. We should see more info this month.
- Lee Vining bypass road progress; In the past it's been a fairly quick response to road closure
- Met with Town of Mammoth Lakes; follow-up on a meeting with Supervisor Hazard. (copy of letter written to the school board)
- Working with Eastern Sierra Transit Authority- meeting on Friday
- Getting schedule organized
- Dispatch meeting with the Town @ 2:00 p.m.- talking about what to do with dispatch issues
- 9:00 in my office tomorrow (agenda meeting)
- Management meeting next Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

- 5) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**  
M07-03 **Regular Meeting of November 14, 2006**  
(*Bauer/Farnetti 5-0*)

- M07-04 **Regular Meeting of November 21, 2006**  
(*Hunt/Bauer 5-0*)

- M07-05 **Regular Meeting of December 19, 2006**  
(*Farnetti/Reid; Abstain Bauer 4-1*)

## CLOSED SESSION

Entered @ 9:10 a.m. thru 10:41 a.m.

Recess taken from 10:41 a.m. thru 10:49 a.m.

- 6) **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS.** Government Code section 54957.6. Agency designated representatives: David Wilbrecht, Marshall Rudolph, Robert Garret, Brian Muir, Greg Busey and Richard C. Scholl. Employee Organization: Mono County Sheriff's Association (aka Deputy Sheriff's Association).

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## COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE/HUMAN RESOURCES

- 8) Appointment of Richard C. Scholl to fill the vacant County of Mono Elected Office of Sheriff-Coroner (**David Wilbrecht**)

**M07-06 ACTION:** Appoint Mr. Richard C. Scholl to fill the remainder of the term (January 3, 2007 – January 8, 2007) of the vacant County of Mono Elected Office of Sheriff-Coroner. **Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$3,595.00. Total Impact on County FY 2006-2007 Budget: No Additional Dollars (Position already budgeted for entire Fiscal Year). (Farnetti/Hunt 5-0)**

David Wilbrecht addressed the Board. Sheriff Paranick retired last week. Bill Reid was troubled by the fiscal impact (\$4,960.00). It should be retroactive to January 1 with the ceremony next week. We're not breaking it down for the seven days plus the other pay pro-rated for the month. He's appointed today, he's the Sheriff.... Rudolph addressed Reid's issues. You can give him a dollar amount but you can't say the appointment was effective another day. Reid: If we're making him the Sheriff today with the Sheriff's salary for the month but do the appointment next Tuesday than I'm ok with this. He's either the Sheriff today or he's not. He will automatically take off on the 8<sup>th</sup> with or without the ceremony on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Farnetti: The Sheriff's salary is already budgeted for the entire month. We're not talking about any additional.... Reid: I understand that. Wilbrecht: This allows you to start early. Tony Dublino: Does this terminate the 11/21 contract? Garret: That contract ended 12/31/2006. Rudolph: You have no authority to appoint through the month since he's been elected. Scholl: I am honored to be here and to serve as your Sheriff.

## 9) COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE/HUMAN RESOURCES

- R07-01** Resolution Approving Employment Contract with Laretta Cochran (**Robert Garret**)  
**ACTION:** Adopt **Resolution (R07-01)** approving an employment agreement with Laretta Cochran and prescribing the compensation appointment, and conditions of said employment. (This is a four-day contract to assist with the final transition to the new Department of Finance – **Fiscal Impact: \$to be adjusted by Fiscal Director**)  
**(Hunt/Bauer 5-0)**

David Wilbrecht addressed the Board. Laretta had a desire to fill the remainder of her term. It's very common for people to retire at the end of the year. That's the case here. The Office of Auditor-Controller still exists. The office will remain and operate as they have been and Laretta will finalize some of her remaining activities. Muir: Efforts on the accounting system are far behind. Bauer: Can she do that in five days? Muir: No, but she can make a significant impact. Reid: Did you look at this figure? Muir: The CAO indicated that it was done prior to the holiday so it will be adjusted to a 4-day contract.

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- 10)** Novasolutions Agenda Software Reference Analysis (**Clay Neely**)  
**ACTION:** Informational presentation. Provide desired direction to staff.

Clay Neely addressed the Board. The Acting County Clerk brought a company here for a presentation for an automated agenda system. We checked references and asked questions as well. 4 out of 5 were happy buying NovaSolutions and 5 of 5 rated the training as excellent. Having looked at all of these references, I see four options.

1. To buy
2. Look for other vendors
3. Wait a few months
4. Do nothing

It was apparent were either of in the process of implementation or just starting to do so. I really question their ability to rate the software. Let's wait about 6 months at that time and get back to the Board. Hunt: There doesn't seem to be a crisis situation. Maybe we can move this into our budget process. Neely: About \$30,000. Hunt: It will improve public relations, paper, and justified very easily. Neely: It will improve the flow of the agenda which is manual at this point. Farnetti: Not only does it involve the Clerk, CAO, and County Counsel. We need a presentation at one of our department head meetings before we make a leap forward. Reid: I feel more comfortable doing it in the 2007-08 year. I'm sure this would be a good system. Neely: This will solve many of our problems. Bauer: I did a figure ... I'm ready to roll on the agendas. Reid: My constituents want to see a hard copy. Bauer: My constituents want to see a hard copy and I'm sure that Christy's office has been bothered by that already. Reid: Today is not the day to do this. Hazard: I have a couple of concerns. I ask that we look at other system. I'm concerned that there are a lot of other counties out there to see what they're using. We should be looking at background information. I've got to make sure that we can get this over dial-up. We need to make sure that we can get it to the most basic places. Neely: It would automatically post to the website. Direction from the Board: Hazard wants to hold off. Hunt wants to wait. Bauer: It doesn't take away from anything we do now. Hazard-Neely: Present this in the budget process. I hope this doesn't get lost in the budget process. Farnetti: We should have a presentation at a department head meeting as well. We'll contact the vendor. Reid: On the voting pads, can we get 5 yes pads and 1 no pad for me?

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 11a)** **Adjourned Meeting Locations (Board Members)**  
**ACTION:** Schedule Adjourned Meeting locations and which meeting of the month for 2007.

Chairman will work on the schedule with the Clerk.

**11b) Boards, Commissions, and Committee Membership List (Board Members)**  
**ACTION:** Appointment of Members to 2007 Boards, Commissions, and Committee membership list.

**M07-07**  
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**(Reid/Bauer 5-0)**

Scott Burns addressed the Board. We could have another workshop on the RPAC's. Rudolph: I wouldn't mind seeing a new, fresh document rolled into what you may already have. There is still some confusion as to their roll. Hunt/Rudolph: There is a provision that no member shall serve more than 12 years. Burns: We have bylaws (reflect a 12 year restriction). At the last meeting, we discussed terminating term limits. Reid: Sally and Scott are kind of a backbone of the whole thing. We should look at that 12 year limitation. They have a lot of knowledge and history of the county. Rudolph: Do you want a proposed Ordinance or brought back as purely discussion? Board: Discussion w/ a draft Ordinance.

Brian Muir/Rudolph: This is the type of change expected after the Director of Finance is on Board, This needs to be updated. If it's not a requirement anymore, you may consider not having it. Hazard: Come back and revisit this later.

- Motion, page 19- June Lake Advisory Committee

**M07-08**  
**June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee (Supervisor Bauer)**  
**ACTION:** Approve the appointments of Ron Black, Danny Roberts, Dale Bromberger, Christopher Elam, and Jil Start to the June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee with terms expiring 12/31/2010.  
**(Bauer/Farnetti 5-0)**

- Motion, page 19- Law Library, Mono County

**M07-09**  
**Law Library, Mono County (Supervisor Farnetti)**  
**ACTION:** Approve the appointments of Tom Farnetti, Supervisor District One-Representative; Honorable Ed Forstenzer, Superior Court Judge; Honorable Stan Eller, Superior Court Judge; George Booth, District Attorney; Marshall Rudolph, County Counsel-President; and Jerry Mohun, Attorney at Law (by Chairman Hazard) to the Board of Library Trustees, Mono County, with terms expiring 12/31/2007.  
**(Hunt/Bauer 5-0)**

Committees not listed and appointments made to:

- BLM Land Tenure
- Sierra Nevada Conservancy
- Central Sierra Conservation Resource Council
- NACO representative
- Town of Mammoth- Blue Ribbon Committee

***Recess taken from 12:48 p.m. thru 12:53 p.m.***  
***Entered Closed Session @ 12:54 p.m. to 1:03 p.m. No report.***

## **ADJOURNMENT**

***Adjourned @ 1:35 p.m.***

Adjourn meeting and reconvene in regular session of **January 09, 2007**, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. in the Board Chambers, County Courthouse, Bridgeport, California.

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